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SUBJECT	PROJECT NUMBER 62-2316	
GM on French Somaliland		SUBJECT CODE
REQUESTER Self-initiated	REQUESTING OFFICE	
STATEMENT OF PROBLEM	TARGET DATE 15 March 1967	
<p>Sometime late this spring the voters of French Somaliland will choose either to separate completely from France and establish their own government or to remain under French sovereignty. The possibility of independence for this thinly populated area, whose chief export is water, poses several threats to regional stability. Ethiopia's only rail outlet to the sea is at stake; on the other hand, Ethiopia's interest in the railroad and the port of Djibouti is in conflict with the Somali Republic's desire to extend sovereignty to include all Somali people. French security interests in the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean might suffer if the airfield and port at Djibouti fall into unfriendly hands. Finally, a dispute over French Somaliland might indirectly involve the US and the USSR because of their respective interests in Ethiopia and Somalia.</p> <p>In view of the upcoming referendum, the impending visit of Haile Selassie to Washington, and a forthcoming NIE, "Implications for the US and the West of Tension in the Horn of Africa," a GM on French Somaliland would appear to be desirable at this time. The study, which we have discussed briefly with ONE, will outline the physical and cultural aspects of the territory which bear on the current threat including the resource base, the ethnic complexities, the economic implications of independence, and the activities of the neighboring countries and France.</p>		
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- 20 Jan 67 Dr. R Approved For Release 2001/08/14 : CIA-RDP84-00825R000100050002-9
- 27 Jan " Son writing may start - not much
6 Feb Contacted CD about maps and Langout }
1 Mar Final Text complete for Cointype
3 Mar Cointype text to Cartoy
6 Mar Cointype text + maps to Agency
15 Mar Dissemination
- 10 Feb 67 - draft in writing - on schedule
- 17 Feb Draft being typed; Dr. R review
- 20 Feb Dr. R review completed; main revisions in process.
- 24 Feb Text in editing; Map in CD
- 6 Mar. Propose due back Thursday
- 9 Mar Dissem
- 24-26 Mar
- 1 Mar Cointype to reproduction
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- 8 Mar Dissem.
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